

REMARKS

Restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121

Claims 12-15 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-11 are pending.

1. The Office has identified two inventions as follows:

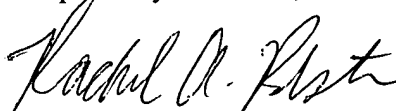
- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to methods of determining the activity of a protease and identification of compounds that inhibit said protease bound to a substrate, classified in class 435, subclass 4.
- II. Claims 12-15, drawn to a compound of Formula (I), classified in class 530, subclass 326.

2. Applicants elect Group I without traverse.

3. Applicants elect Group I without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications directed to the subject matter not contained therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now active in the present application are in condition for allowance. Therefore, passage of the application and claims to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**TITLE: FLUORESCENCE POLARIZATION METHOD FOR
DETERMINING PROTEASE ACTIVITY**

APPENDIX TO AMENDMENT

Clean Version of inserted first paragraph

This application is a continuation of application Serial Number 09/246,787, filed on February 8, 1999, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/867,258 filed June 2, 1997, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/327,170, filed October 21, 1994, now abandoned.

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